



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 14-014: LT MURRAY FENCE INSTALLATION

Description of Proposal:

This project will install four-strand barbed wire and some high tension fencing along the property boundary section lines in the WDFW L.T. Murray Wildlife Area, in the Whiskey Dick and Quilomene units. There are two separate areas that will be fenced.

Section 1: Skookumchuck Creek

The entire fence line is from: start point: 47.06275, -120.201611 to end point: 47.051964 - 120.175611.

Fence Starting point: T18N, R21E, S09 (47.06275, -120.201611) and proceeding east to the section line between sections 9, 10, 16, 15 (47.663722, -120.196306).

After reaching the section line, the fence will continue south along the section line (south between sections 9 and 10 and south between 16 and 15), starting at the point between sections 9, 10, 16, 15. This portion of the fence project will cross Skookumchuck Creek. In this area three rock cribs will be installed. Where the fence crosses the Skookumchuck Creek it is designed with breakaway features that will allow for water passage under high flow conditions.

The fence section then continues south and ends at the point (47.051806, -120.496472). Then the fence will be connected to an existing pasture fence located approximately 900 feet west in section 16. The fence will then return to the section line, and proceed east to connect with existing barbed wire, continuing just past the section line 15 and proceeding slightly into section 14 where the fence will connect with existing fencing at (47.051694, -120.175611).

Section 2: North Fork Whiskey Dick Creek

Starting in T18 N, R 21 E at the section corner (47.04444, -120.175472); this is located at the center markers for section 15, 14, 22 and 23. The fence will connect with existing barb wire fencing, and continue south approximately one mile and ending at the center marker between the section markers at 47.029889, -120.175694, and between sections 22, 23, 27, 26.

This section of fencing will cross a jeep trail, and will have 350 lf of lay down fencing, about midway through this portion of the project. High tensile wire may be used in this part of the fencing project. This section of fencing will also cross the North Fork of Whiskey Dick Creek. Where the fence crosses the North Fork of Whiskey Dick Creek, it is designed with breakaway features that will allow for water passage under high flow conditions.

Depending on site conditions, fencing components will include steel posts and pressure treated wood fence posts that are over 5 feet high and 5 to 6 inch diameter. Associated fencing materials include barbed wire (2 strand 12.5 inch gauge wire, 4 point 14 gauge barbs), smooth wire (2 strand 12.5 gage), high tension wire. Barb wire fencing will be constructed on site. All other associated fencing materials; ties, rock jacks, cribs, galvanized and or pressure treated bracing materials, staples, wire clamps, and gates will meet ASTM (153 or 121) industry

standards.

The new fence line will be brushed to a minimum width of 2 feet on each side to facilitate erection and maintenance. Brush will be cut to ground surface and removed from site. Any removed timber or brush debris will be stacked on WDFW side of the fence line. Old fencing within 2 feet of the staked location of the new fence will be removed and disposed of in an approved facility.

Line post intervals will not exceed 14 feet, center to center of posts. Wood posts are not driven in place. They will be set to a depth of 30" inches and metal posts set at a minimum depth of 3 inches of soil over flange, backfilled and tamped down. If soil conditions do not provide for adequate installation, a rock jack or alternate method of post installation will be used. Maximum sequence run of steel posts will not exceed 5 steel posts per 1 wood post. Fencing will be securely braced and tightened. Stretch structures will be no more than a maximum of 1,320 feet apart. Changes in alignment of 30 degrees or more shall be considered as corners and corner posts will be installed.

Rock Cribs approximately 4 feet wide x 4 feet tall (4 x 4 inch treated wood) may also be installed instead of other fencing structures. Gully crossings will include 4 inch pressure treated wood posts or lumber with vertical spacing 12 inch on center. They will hang from standard wire fence and a brace wire. Please see permit drawings for additional details.

Equipment used will be pickup trucks, where accessible, and impact driving equipment. At no time will any equipment enter the water. All fencing will be performed in accordance with all local, state and federal codes laws and permit guidelines.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Two locations in the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area near Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington:

Skookumchuck Creek: Township 18N, Range 21E, Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16.

North Fork Whiskey Dick Creek: Township 18N, Range 21E, Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on March 11, 2014.**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

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SIGNATURE: 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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